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**CLERK'S
ANNOUNCEMENT
01-105**

TO: Court Users

FROM: Thomas J. Hart

DATE: June 29, 2001

RE: Revised Bankruptcy Fee Schedule, Including Electronic Public Access Fees

As of July 1, 2001, several new bankruptcy court fees will become effective. Among these are the fees for electronic public access to court documents. In the attached fee schedule, the entire section on electronic public access fees is new. There are a few other revisions, only two of which are frequently used. Those two changes appear in the "Miscellaneous Fee" section. For your convenience, those changes are listed below:

Amendments to Petition

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| – | Schedules D, E, F, and/or the Mailing List (Matrix)
(If amending both, the fee is \$20.00 total.) | \$20.00 |
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¹See attached schedule titled "Electronic Public Access Fees" for reduced rate if court user prints a document from the public access computer terminal in the Clerk's Office.

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**BANKRUPTCY COURT FEES¹
QUICK REFERENCE**

Effective July 1, 2001

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Filing Fees

Petitions²

Chapter 7	\$200.00
Chapter 9	\$830.00
Chapter 11 (non-railroad)	\$830.00
Chapter 13	\$185.00
Adversary Proceeding	\$150.00
Ancillary Proceeding	\$530.00

Appeals

Appeal	\$105.00
Cross Appeal	\$105.00

Motions

For Relief from Stay	\$75.00
- If stipulated, no fee due.	
To Compel Abandonment	\$75.00
To Convert a Case to Chapter 7	\$15.00

¹ The Clerk accepts cash, check, the American Express Card, VISA, MasterCard, Discover/Novus, and Diners Club International. Debtor's personal check and credit cards are not accepted when filing a petition. By application, a voluntary petition of an individual or an individual and spouse may be paid in no more than four (4) installments.

² The fee for filing petitions consists of a filing fee and an administrative fee, combined here for simplicity.

To Convert a Chapter 7 or 13 Case to Chapter 11	\$645.00
To Convert a Chapter 12 Case to Chapter 11	\$600.00
To Reopen a Case:	
Chapter 7	\$155.00
Chapter 9	\$800.00
Chapter 11	\$800.00
Chapter 12	\$200.00
Chapter 13	\$155.00
To Withdraw the Reference of a Case Under 28 USC 157(d)	\$75.00

Miscellaneous Fees

Amendments to Petition

- Schedules D, E, F, and/or
Mailing List (Matrix) \$20.00
(If amending both, the fee is \$20.00 total.)

- Other Schedules No fee

Certification \$7.00

Returned Check \$35.00

Photocopies (per page)³ \$.50

Record Retrieval from storage
at Federal Records Center Contact Clerk's Office for
Fees and Instructions

Record Search \$20.00

- No fee is charged if the requested item can be determined
via the Clerk's inspection of the computerized docket.

Register Judgment from
another District \$30.00

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ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS FEES

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The Judicial Conference recently approved several fee changes for public access to electronic documents. Most of these fees represent significant savings to court users. As of July 1, 2001, the following fees will apply:

Copying Fees

Copies printed **by the court user** from the public access computer terminal in the Clerk's Office:

.10 per page

Copies made **by Clerk's Office staff**, either photocopied from paper or printed via the computer, will still cost **.50 per page**.

Internet Access Fees in Bankruptcy Courts

Access to ECF^{*}/WEBPACER case information through a federal Judiciary Internet site:

.07 per page

No fee will be charged for case information accessed from a Judiciary Internet site by the PACER Billing Center until the user accrues charges of **more than \$10.00 in a calendar year**.

Registered ECF users opting to receive e-mail notification of filings may receive **one free copy** of all filed documents, if receipt is required by law or directed by the filer.

PACER Search Fees

Special searches performed by the PACER Service Center:

\$20.00 per search

This fee does not apply to routine searches, performed by PACER users on a regular basis. Rather, it applies to special requests for searches performed by PACER Service Center staff. For example, the \$20.00 charge would apply to a search requested by an individual without a PACER account or by a PACER account holder who was experiencing personal equipment failure.

^{*}ECF denotes the new Electronic Case Filing system expected to be operational in this District in the Fall of 2001.